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SUBJ: SHOOTING INCIDENT IN FRONT OF RESIDENCE MAY 14

REF: BA 3349

1. ON MAY 15 GOA FEDERAL POLICE (FP) FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL REPORT CONCERNING THE INCIDENT DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. AT APPROXIMATELY 1855 HOURS A FIAT 1500 OCCUPIED BY FOUR MALE INDIVIDUALS, TWO OF WHOM AS A RESULT OF ARRESTS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED AS JUAN CARLOS MENDOZA, ARGENTINE CITIZEN, 21 YEARS OF AGE, NO KNOWN ADDRESS OR PROFESSION AND LUIS ALBERTO MACHADO LA PAZ, URUGUAYAN CITIZEN 17 YEARS OF AGE, RESIDENCE GALERIA TAURUS CORRIENTES BETWEEN LIBERTADOR AND TALCAHUANO, BA, OCCUPATION JANITOR, BECAME ENGAGED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT AT THE INTERSECTION OF LIBERTADOR AND DARRAGUEYARA WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE RESIDENCE. TWO OF THE OCCUPANTS OF THE FIAT AND ONE OF THE OCCUPANTS OF THE OTHER CAR (A TORINO) BECAME ENGAGED IN AN ARGUMENT OVER THE ACCIDENT. FP STATIONED IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE WERE OBSERVING THE INCIDENT. ONE OF THE OCCUPANTS OF THE FIAT TOOK FROM HIS POCKET A LARGE SUM OF MONEY AND PAID THE DRIVER OF THE TORINO. THIS BEING AN UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE IN BUENOS AIRES CAUSED ONE OF THE FP'S TO START TOWARD THE SCENE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATING THE ACTIVITY. AS HE WAS PROGRESSING

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IN THE DIRECTION OF THE FIAT, AN ALERT WAS RECEIVED OVER

THE RADIO IN THE FEDERAL POLICE PATROL CAR IDENTIFYING THE FIAT AS A STOLEN CAR AND ADVISING THAT ITS OCCUPANTS WERE ARMED. THE TWO FEDERAL POLICEMEN WHO HAD REMAINED WITH THE PATROL CAR YELLED TO THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER INFORMING HIM THAT THE OCCUPANTS OF THE FIAT POSSESSED WEAPONS. THIS OFFICER STARTED TO DRAW HIS WEAPON AT WHICH TIME THE OCCUPANT OF THE FIAT, RIGHT REAR CORNER, OPENED FIRE ON HIM WITH A 22 CALIBRE PISTOL. ONE ROUND GRAZED THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER ON THE LEFT SIDE. AN INTERCHANGE OF SHOTS RESULTED. THE FIAT TURNED ON DARRAGUEYRA DEPARTING THE SCENE WITH TWO OCCUPANTS. THE OTHER TWO INDIVIDUALS CHASED THE FIAT ALSO TURNING ONTO DARRAGUEYRA. THE FEDERAL POLICE WERE GIVING PURSUIT DURING THIS ACTION. THE ASSAILANTS AND FEDERAL POLICE WERE EXCHANGING GUNFIRE. A WEAPON CARRIED BY ONE OF THE ASSAILANTS JAMMED, BOTH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE INTERCEPTED AND APPREHENDED BY A TWO MAN WALKING FEDERAL POLICE PATROL GUARDING THE OUTSIDE REAR OF THE RESIDENCE GROUNDS. THE EXCHANGE OF FIRES OCCURRED ADJACENT TO THE EMBASSY CONTRACT GUARD POST PROVIDING COVERAGE TO THE MAIN AUTOMOBILE ENTRANCE. SINCE THE WEAPONS OF THE ASSAILANTS WERE BEING FIRED IN THE DIRECTION OF THIS GUARD POST, CONTRACT GUARD ASSUMED HIS POST WAS UNDER ATTACK AND RETURNED FIRE ON THE ASSAILANTS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THE FEDERAL POLICE.

2. THE FIAT WHICH HAD FLED THE SCENE WAS FOUND DISABLED TWO BLOCKS FROM WHERE THE INCIDENT OCCURRED. EXAMINATION OF THE CAR REVEALED 10 BULLET HOLES. THE GAS TANK AND THE TWO TIRES ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE CAR WERE PUNCTURED. THE OCCUPANTS HAD FLED THE SCENE. THE AUTOMOBILE WAS FOUND BY FEDERAL POLICE REINFORCEMENTS DISPATCHED TO THE SCENE. WHEN THE AUTOMOBILE WAS LOCATED THE FEDERAL POLICE CALLED IN AN EOD TEAM TO EXAMINE THE CAR FOR EXPLOSIVES. NOTE: THE FEDERAL POLICE PATROL UNIT STATIONED IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE DID NOT GIVE CHASE TO THE DEPARTING FIAT SINCE THEIR ORDERS REQUIRE THEM TO REMAIN ON DUTY AT ALL TIMES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE RESIDENCE.

3. FEDERAL POLICE INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY 1845 HOURS MAY 14 THE OCCUPANTS OF THE FIAT HAD HELD

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UP AT GUN POINT A GARAGE LOCATED AT 2779 TRIUNVIRATO, BA AND STOLEN THE CAR. THE OWNER OF THE GARAGE REPORTED THE INCIDENT TO THE FEDERAL POLICE BY TELEPHONE WHO SUBSEQUENTLY BROADCAST THE BEFORE MENTIONED RADIO ALERT.

4. THE TWO INDIVIDUALS APPREHENDED AND IDENTIFIED IN PARA ONE BY THE FEDERAL POLICE WERE REVEALED TO BE COMMON CRIMINALS WITH NO KNOWN TERRORIST CONNECTIONS. FEDERAL

POLICE ARE CONTINUING THEIR INVESTIATION FOR THE PURPOSE  
OF APPREHENDING THE TWO ESCAPEES.

5. THIS MESSAGE CONSTITUTES THE FINAL REPORT ON THIS  
INCIDENT UNLESS SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY THE  
FEDERAL POLICE IS REVEALED TO BE POSITIVE WITH RESPECT TO  
THE SECURITY OF THE EMBASSY.  
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